

# Senator Jack Scott

## 21<sup>st</sup> District Legislative Update

October 2005



### *SENATOR BATS 1.000 IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION*

This was an extremely busy year for me and I am happy to say, a very productive one.

I personally authored twelve bills that were passed by the Legislature and recently signed by Governor Schwarzenegger - making it a clean sweep. I authored six other bills that have passed the Senate and are now in the Assembly. These bills will be continued in 2006 since this year was the first year of a 2-year session.

As Chair of the Senate Education Committee, I considered all the bills in the Senate and Assembly that dealt with the state's vital function in education. Earlier, I had chaired the Budget Subcommittee on Education which helped shape 50% of the state budget for 2005-06. And, of course, I also voted on hundreds of bills that were presented on the Senate floor.

Impacting all of this legislative activity was the impending special election called by Governor Schwarzenegger for November 8. I encourage all voters to carefully study these initiatives and the arguments in support and opposition contained in your voter guide before casting your ballot.

I am looking forward to a busy and successful session beginning in January. Please feel free to contact me or my staff with suggestions on legislation or if you have a problem we can help you resolve.

The following twelve bills will go into effect January 1, 2006:

**SB 47 - Clinics:** Removes a sunset provision that exempted nonprofit clinics from certain licensure requirements.



Gov. Schwarzenegger signs Senator Scott's Vocational Education Bill at Pasadena City College – Details on Page 3

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Please join  
State Senator Jack Scott  
and Education Leaders  
at an  
Education Town Hall Meeting  
**“Improving Student Performance”**

Topics to be discussed:

- How resources get to students and schools
- How funding can improve student services and instruction
- How to better prepare students for college success

Monday, October 24, 2005 7 - 9 pm  
Glendale Adventist Medical Center Auditorium  
1509 Wilson Terrace  
Glendale, California

For more information, please call (626) 683-0282  
**FREE PARKING**

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# LEGISLATION – Cont.

## Sacramento – Cont.

**SB 48 - Ammunition Sales to Minors:** Closes a loophole in current law regarding the sale of ammunition to underage buyers.

**SB 207- DUI Vehicle Impoundment:** Allows police to impound the vehicle of a drunk driver if the driver has a previous DUI conviction.

**SB 218 - Termination of Parental Rights:** Would allow Juvenile Courts to review adoption recommendations when the child would be removed from a relative or foster care provider.

**SB 271 - Charitable Gift Annuities:** Follow-up legislation meant to ensure that licensed charities could achieve greater portfolio diversification.

**SB 302 - Adoption:** Makes a number of changes in California adoption law in order to expedite the adoption process.

**SB 352 - Chief Business Officer Training Program:** Creates a business officer-training program for public school officials with the goal of making districts financially savvy.

**SB 358 - Foster Children - Babysitting:** Permits foster parents to hire babysitters without having them go through extensive bureaucratic red tape.

**SB 724 - CSU-Education Doctorates:** Historic legislation that will permit the California State University to award a Doctorate in Education (Ed.D).

**SB 794/SB 70 - Vocational Education:** Allocates \$20 million to coordinate career and technical education programs between high schools and community colleges.

**SB 897 – Armenian Trade Office Extension:** Extends the sunset date for the operation of a privately-funded trade office in Armenia.

**SB 1053 - School Site Funding:** Pilot program to put greater budget discretion in the hands of local school districts.

## Sen. Scott To Deliver “State of the State”

Beginning in October, Senator Scott will be appearing at city and town council meetings throughout the Senate District to update cities and counties on legislation and the “State of the State.”

The following is a schedule of dates and places:

Tuesday, October 4 – Burbank City Council  
Monday, October 17 – Pasadena City Council  
Tuesday, October 18 – Altadena Town Council  
Thursday, October 20 – San Gabriel City Council (tentative)  
Tuesday, October 25 – Glendale City Council  
Monday, December 5 – La Canada Flintridge City Council  
Tuesday, December 6 – Valley Industry and Commerce State Issues Committee  
Wednesday, December 14 – Chinese Chamber of Commerce (L.A.)

Please note: All meetings are open to the public and all schedules are subject to change. Please check your local city schedule for times and places.

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## ★2005 WOMEN IN BUSINESS AWARDS★

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### AREA LEGISLATORS TO HONOR "WOMEN IN BUSINESS" AT AWARDS LUNCHEON SET FOR OCTOBER 19

Twenty-five southland women have been chosen as this year's winners of the Women In Business Awards presented annually by State Senator Jack Scott, Assembly Majority Leader Dario Frommer and Assemblymember Carol Liu.

The honorees were chosen from nominees in the 21st State Senate district, and the 43rd and 44th State Assembly districts. This is the sixth year the legislators have honored outstanding women from the business world.

These business leaders will be recognized for their leadership and their business skills at a luncheon set for Wednesday, October 19 at the Pasadena Hilton Hotel. If you would like more information on the event, please contact the district office at (626) 683-0282.

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## GOVERNOR SIGNS SENATOR SCOTT'S VOCATIONAL EDUCATION BILL

PASADENA – State Senator Jack Scott's (D-Pasadena) bill to strengthen vocational education programs in California's public schools was signed into law September 27 by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger at a ceremony on the campus of Pasadena City College.

The Governor and Senator Scott toured several technical education classrooms before moving to the auto shop to sign SB 70 which allocates \$20 million to expand career technical education and improve coordination between high schools and colleges. The legislation is part of a package of bills aimed at strengthening California's workforce and preparing for future education needs.

"As a lifetime educator, I've long believed that career technical education is a vital component of our educational offering and an essential factor in improving California's workforce," stated Senator Scott. "For many years the vocational education programs in this state have been severely under funded. That's why I am pleased to see that Governor Schwarzenegger supported these proposals as a first step in rebuilding our state's vocational education programs."

In addition to expanding certificate programs in career technical education, SB 70 calls for aligning existing tech programs between high schools and community colleges, and creating new courses in career and vocational education.

The State Community College Chancellor's Office will coordinate with high schools and community colleges to "quick start" projects and provide links to business and industry.

Senator Scott chairs the state Senate Education Committee and the budget subcommittee on Education. He is a former President of Pasadena City College.